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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Re: Application of Masahiro MAEDA, Isao INABA and Masanori NAKATA
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref. Q78073

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty-five (35) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and nine (9) sheets of drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government filing fee and copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>5</u> - 20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>4</u> - 3	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u> </u>	\$86.00
Base Fee								\$770.00

TOTAL FEE								\$856.00
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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-303908	October 18, 2002
Japan	2002-303909	October 18, 2002
Japan	2002-303910	October 18, 2002
Japan	2002-303911	October 18, 2002



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The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on **Saturday, October 18, 2003**, the filing of this application on **Monday, October 20, 2003** is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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